

**FUND TO COMBAT VIOLENT CRIME PROGRAM
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**MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2017
COMMITTEE MEETING**

A Fund to Combat Violent Crime Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 2:30 p.m. in the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Conference Room, 303 Transportation Circle, Dover, DE 19901.

Chairman Robert Coupe called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. and conducted the proceedings, including a roll call of committee attendees. Attendees included:

Sec. Robert Coupe*	Chairman, Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Col. Nate McQueen*	Delaware State Police
Chief R.L. Hughes*	Georgetown Police Department, representing Delaware Police Chiefs' Council
Tim Mullaney*	Proxy for Fred Calhoun, Delaware State FOP
Major Robert Hudson	Delaware State Police
Chief Marvin Mailey	Dover Police Department
Chief Paul Anthony	Blades Police Department
Chief Floyd Toomey	Dagsboro Police Department
Capt. Ben Feldmann	New Castle County Police Department
Lisa Morris	Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice
Carol Lee	Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Jesse Reynolds	Department of Safety and Homeland Security
Chelsea Reynolds	Department of Safety and Homeland Security

*Indicates Committee Members or their proxy.

I. Consideration of FY18 Fund to Combat Violent Crime Applications

V-02-18 Blades Police Department \$11,220.00

Applicant requests approval to use funds for overtime to combat violent crime to include increased patrols in problem areas or at problem times to help prevent assaults, rapes, robberies and shootings. The overtime will also be utilized to investigate felony level crimes and drug interdiction, expanding the hours their narcotics K9 is on patrol. The overtime is vital to reducing violent crime in the Town of Blades. Last year's overtime efforts can directly be related to multiple cleared cases including three armed robberies, several rapes and three shootings.

A motion was made by Chief R.L Hughes and seconded by Tim Mullaney that the application be approved as submitted. Hearing no further discussion, the application was unanimously approved by the Committee members.

V-21-18 Dover Police Department \$136,536.66

Applicant requests approval to use funds for overtime to target gang-related crimes, robberies and burglaries, and man mass warrant executions scheduled periodically to identify and apprehend violent criminals. Applicant also requests funds to upgrade tasers for all officers in the fourth of a five-year upgrade program, providing them with better options for controlling

violent suspects being taken into custody. In addition, funds will also be used to supplement budgeted department funding for taser accessories.

A concern was raised by Chief R.L Hughes about the language of the text, specifically the word “supplement.” Lisa Morris advised that according to the statute and the guidelines, funds may be used to supplement, but not “supplant” departmental funds. A motion was made by Chief R.L Hughes and seconded by Tim Mullaney that the application be approved as submitted. Hearing no further discussion, the application was unanimously approved by the Committee members.

II. Other Business

The Committee will review requests for equipment reverted from the disbanded Frankford Police Department.

Sec. Coupe quoted the guideline detailing why equipment would be reverted to the Committee for reimbursement. Dagsboro submitted a formal request. Wyoming informally submitted a request. Carol discussed the informal application from Wyoming. Sec. Coupe discussed the triple beam balance scale.

A motion was made by Chief R.L Hughes and seconded by Col. McQueen that the ATV retrieved from Frankford Police Department be awarded to Dagsboro Police Department. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was voted on and unanimously approved by the Committee members.

Carol suggests the box of give-away items retrieved from Frankford Police Department be given to the Town of Frankford. The committee discussed the contents of the box and Chief R.L Hughes stated that he would submit a formal request for the box of give-away items.

Both the Triple Beam Balance Scale and the box of give-away items will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Committee will revisit the moratorium on requests to fund training for the FY18 grant period.

Sec. Coupe discusses that the multiple departments have and are currently being reviewed by the state’s auditor and that most of the audits have to do with training.

Coupe discusses removing the moratorium and then a motion is approved by the committee to remove the moratorium on travel.

The Committee will discuss acceptable requests for vehicle enhancements.

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chief R.L. Hughes and seconded by Tim Mullaney that the meeting be adjourned. Hearing no further discussion, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.